

PUBLIC ACTS, 1999

CHAPTER NO. 242

SENATE BILL NO. 531

By Crutchfield

Substituted for: House Bill No. 751

By Buck

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-236(l), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

Said program of continuing education shall include, at a minimum, six (6) hours of continuing education each fiscal year. The minimum six (6) hours of education shall be specifically in the area of Tennessee Workers' Compensation Law and shall be in addition to any mediation training provided to the specialists. Three (3) of the six (6) hours of education shall be approved by the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization. In addition to the annual six (6) hour continuing education requirement, each specialist hired by the Department of Labor shall be provided, within one (1) month of the date of hire, a minimum of two (2) days of formal training and education which shall include one (1) day each on the department's workers' compensation system, the Tennessee workers' compensation statutes and case law, and the rules of regulations of the Division of Workers' Compensation. Documentation reflecting the type of education and training provided pursuant to this subsection shall be maintained by the director of the Division of Workers' Compensation. Documentation of each educational program shall include the date of the program, the name of each specialist attending, a description of the educational program including topics covered, the name of the sponsor or provider of the educational program and the number of hours for each educational program.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-233(a), is amended by adding the following, appropriately designated subdivision:

(_) The commissioner shall modify Form #C32 to include a location for a health care provider to indicate temporary total disability and the point at which the employee reached maximum medical improvement.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 17, 1999




JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of May 1999



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